

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-6, 9-11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,948,064 to Bertram. Additionally, the Examiner rejected claims 2-3 and 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the Bertram patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,710,884 to Dedrick.

It is respectfully submitted that the present claimed invention is patentable over the art of record for the following reasons. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is requested.

The Examiner specifically states that the Bertram patent fails to teach use of an ID card with computer readable information which can be translated as a portable information storage medium. Amended claims 1, 6 and 11 recite the feature of a "storage medium being portable," amongst other features. Accordingly, this amending of the claims overcomes the §102(b) rejection. As for the obviousness rejection, it is submitted that the Examiner's assertion that one of ordinary skill would be motivated to form Applicants' claimed invention is respectfully incorrect. As the Examiner well knows, obviousness cannot be established by combining pieces of prior art absent some teaching, suggestion, or incentive supporting the combination.

Applicants have recognized problems in the prior art. These problems amongst others have been set forth in the specification

on page 4 lines 1-19. The present claimed invention offers a solution as set forth in the claims.

The patentable features specified in amended claim 1 are:

(1) The information storage medium is portable.

(2) The information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user.

The advantages obtained by the above features are as follows:

As the information storage medium (4) is portable and stores user-environment information (5) about environment suitable for a user, when the information storage medium (4) is applied to the user recognizing unit (2), the user recognizing unit (2) can read the user-environment information (5) stored in the information storage medium (4) and change the operating environment of the computer (3) so as to fit with the user-environment information (5), without the need for operating a keyboard or the like.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the references disclose advantageous features set forth in claim 1. The Bertram patent describes a computer coupled with appropriate processor for processing logon commands. However, the computer in the Bertram patent needs some operation via a keyboard in order to retrieve and utilize the user profile. In addition, in the computer described by the Bertram patent, the function for retrieving and utilizing the user profile depends on a

communication-state between a client machine and a server, that is, the speed of retrieving and utilizing the user profile may be very slow when the communication-state is "busy", or the function may be impossible when the communication-state is "off".

The patentable characteristic features specified in amended claim 6 are:

(3) The information storage medium is portable.

(4) The information storage medium stores user-ID information.

(5) The user recognizing unit fetches the user-environment information corresponding to the user-ID information from the data server.

The advantages obtained by the above features are as follows:

As the information storage medium (4) is portable and stores user-ID information (8), and the user recognizing unit (2) fetches the user-environment information (5) corresponding to the user-ID information (8) from the data server (7), the user recognizing unit (2) can change the operating environment of the computer (3) so as to fit with the user-environment information (5), without the need for operating a keyboard or the like.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the references disclose the advantageous features set forth in amended claim 6.

The Bertram patent describes a computer coupled with appropriate processor for processing logon commands. However, the computer in the Bertram patent needs some operation via a keyboard in order to retrieve and utilize the user profile.

The patentable characteristic feature specified in amended claim 11 is:

(6) The user recognizing unit recognizes information emitted by a user, identifies the user information corresponding to the information emitted by the user, and fetches the user setting information corresponding to the user information from the data server.

The advantageous obtained by the above feature are as follows:

As the user recognizing unit (2) recognizes information (9) emitted by a user, identifies the user information (8) corresponding to the information (9) emitted by the user, and fetches the user setting information (5, 15) corresponding to the user information (8, 10) from the data server (7), the user recognizing unit (2) can change the set environment of the machine (3, 13) so as to fit with the user setting information (5), without the need for operating a keyboard or the like.

It is submitted that none of the references disclose the advantageous feature set forth in claim 11. The Bertram patent describes a computer coupled with an appropriate processor for

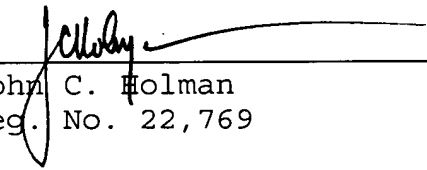
processing logon commands. However, the computer described by the Bertram patent needs some operation via a keyboard in order to retrieve and utilize the user profile.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims to allow these claims and to find the application to be in allowable condition.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange for such a conference.

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